

## PBANRDA Minister inspects development tasks in Kayin State



*Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects paving of Nabu-Htokawko Road. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Zaw Min, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, Director-General of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Department U Than Swe, Director-General of Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint and officials inspected paving of Nabu-Htokawko Road in Kawkareik Township yesterday.

The minister and party also inspected Daweida Bridge on Nabu-Htokawko Road. The minister gave instructions on maintenance of the bridge and preventive measures against erosion of approach road and approach structure.

The minister and party went to the site of Htokawko Post-Primary School where Director-General of No 1 Basic Education Department U Kyaw Thu reported on construction of the school.

The minister inspected paving roads in Htokawko and discussed regional development with national race leaders in the region.

The minister then presented gifts and fish paste, dried fish and other rations to local national race leaders and their families.

The minister and party inspected health care services and construction of dispensaries. They also visited TV retransmission station and telephone exchange.—MNA

### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

### Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

### Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## 500-ton pozzolan plant to be built in Popa

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Hydro-electric Power Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No1 and Jiangsu Pengfei Group Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China signed a contract today on construction of a 500-ton plant for grinding pozzolan in Popa.

The signing ceremony was held here on 6 April. Director-General of the Hydro-electric Power Department U Aung Koe Shwe and Managing Director of the Jiangsu Pengfei Group Co Ltd Mr Wang Jia An signed the agreement in the presence of Minister for Electric Power

No 1 Col Zaw Min and Deputy Minister U Myo Myint.

According to the agreement, Hydro-electric Power Department will purchase machinery from the Chinese company to run the plant which is expected to produce 500 tons of pozzolan a day on completion.

A 1000-ton grinding plant in Popa region is producing pozzolan which is used in construction of the concrete dam of the Yeywa Hydropower Project in Mandalay Division.

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*U Aung Koe Shwe and Mr Wang Jia An sign contract for 500-ton plant for grinding Pozzolan. — ELECTRIC POWER NO 1*

**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

# PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 10 April, 2007

## Open more self-reliant libraries

The government is taking systematic measures to establish libraries in all the rural areas where over 70 per cent of the Myanmar population reside. Libraries are being opened across the nation with the aim of cultivating the reading habit among the rural people and of ensuring the development of human resources.

There are altogether 61,949 villages the length and breadth of the nation. Of them, 54,707 villages have already been facilitated with libraries. The successful opening of such village libraries can be attributed to the combined efforts of the government and local people plus the contributions of well-wishers.

The establishment of libraries in all parts of the nation leads to widening the scope of knowledge of the national people as well as ensuring the development of education, health and farming sectors of the nation, thereby contributing to enhancing the intellectual powers of the national people.

This being the case, local authorities, members of social organizations and the respective library committees and local residents are to strive together with the Information and Public Relations Department for perpetual development of the village libraries.

### မြန်မာ့ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်ကြားရေး

- ❁ အမျိုးသားယဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ထိန်းသိမ်းပါ။
- ❁ သရုပ်ပျက်ယဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ❁ အမျိုးဂုဏ်၊ ဇာတိဂုဏ်ကို မြန်မာ့ယဉ်ကျေးမှု သင်ကြားဖြင့် မြှင့်တင်ပါ။

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## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

## Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport meets



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivers an address at work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport. — MNA

YANGON, 8 April — Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held its coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, on 6 April. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win gave instructions on erecting more Horn Free Zone signboards in downtown, proper func-

tions of traffic lights and reduction of road accidents on highways. He also urged officials to make arrangements for school buses for university students and for highway tickets during the Thingyan Festival.

Next, the commander heard reports presented by members of the committee and attended to the needs.

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## Soe Kyaw Naing seals first prize in Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2007



YANGON, 9 April — The final round of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2007, jointly-organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and International Beverages Trading Co Ltd took place at City Golf Resort (Myakantha) in Insein Township yesterday.

All golfers took positions at their designated places. Next, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, MOC General Secretary Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik, General Secretary of MGF U Aung Kyi and Director U Tint Oo of Design and Development of IBTC opened the final round of the championship by striking golf balls.

The prize presentation ceremony was held after the final round. Director U Tint Oo of Design and Development of IBTC presented souvenirs to MOC General Secretary Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik, General Secretary of MGF U Aung Kyi.

Next, Executive U Ko Ko Lay of MPGA and MGF handed prizes to first and second winning teams while General Secretary U Aung Kyi awarded fourth

placed and fifth placed golfers in the singles' event of professional level.

Afterwards, MOC General Secretary U Thaug Htaik handed first prize to Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon), second to Khin Zaw Win and third to Naing Naing Lin.

Next, Director U Lwin Aung Aye of Admin and Finance of IBTC handed prizes to third placed Thura Kyaw (Taunggyi) and fourth placed Win Tun Thein (Yangon) in the final round

of the championship.

Afterwards, Director U Tint Oo of Design and Development of IBTC gave away prizes to leader Yan Naing Phyoo (Yangon) and runner-up Khin Maung Myint (Yangon).

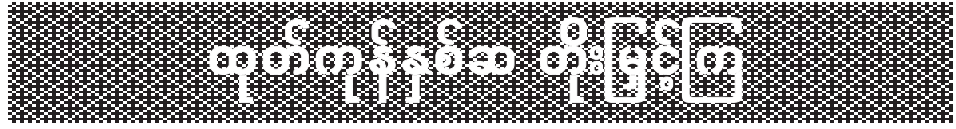
The main sponsor is International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and co-sponsors, Air Mandalay, Hotel Nikko, Srixon, Alpine Purified Drinking Water. Han Event Management organized the final round of the championship.

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Winners of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship-2007 pose for photo at prize presentation ceremony. MGF



INTERNATIONAL NEWS



# Herbal treatment may help treat urinal track infections

WASHINGTON, 8 April— A common herbal extract available in health food stores can greatly reduce urinary tract infections and could potentially enhance the ability of antibiotics to kill the bacteria that cause 90 percent of infections in the bladder. Researchers at Duke University Medical Centre, in a series of experiments in mice, believe they have also discovered

why many urinary tract infections in the bladder return even after treatment with antibiotics. They found that some bacteria hide in cells lining the bladder, where they cannot be reached by antibiotics. But they also found that forskolin, an extract from the Indian coleus plant, flushes out hiding colonies of bacteria, making them susceptible to antibiotic treat-

ment. About 90 percent of urinary tract infections in the bladder are caused by E coli bacteria. These infections afflict women four times as often as men, and in a large number of cases, the infection returns within weeks of antibiotic treatment. The research was led by Duke micro-biologist Soman Abraham, Ph D, who published the results online 8 April, 2007, in the journal *Nature Medicine*. The research was supported by the National Institutes of Health. The researchers found that forskolin has the ability to force the bacteria out of their niches and into the urine, where they can be killed by antibiotics. *Internet*



*An archaeologist repairs a Han Dynasty cooking vessel (206 BC CAD 220) unearthed from construction sites of the south-to-north water diversion project, in Danjiangkou, central China's Hubei Province, on 7 April, 2007.— XINHUA*

## Rock slide in S-W China forces evacuation of 2,700 people

CHONGQING, 8 April— More than 2,700 people are being evacuated from a southwest China village where unstable rocks on top of a mountain may come crashing down at any time, said a local government spokesman

Friday. About 20,000 cubic metres of precarious rock blocks could slide at any moment from a mountain in Gongtan Township, Youyang County of Chongqing Municipality, the municipality's bureau of land resources reported Friday. There are 317 households and eight institutions in the endangered area, including the township government and a school. The evacuation started on Sunday and 35 households have moved to safe places by Thursday night. — MNA/Xinhua

## 6,000 S Koreans rally in Seoul against FTA with US

SEOUL, 8 April — Thousands of South Koreans took to street in Seoul on Saturday to demand their government to scrap the free trade agreement (FTA) reached early this week with the United States. According to local reports, there are at least 6,000 people, mostly farmers and civic activists, participated in the rally launched at about 5 pm (0700 GMT) in the central part of Seoul. The rally caused traffic jam in the downtown area. There are no reports on violent conflicts between the police and the demonstrators. The organizers said there will be a candlelight

vigil in front of the city hall in the evening. South Korea and the United States reached a final pact of their FTA on Monday. —MNA/Xinhua

## 10 Americans killed in bloody Iraq weekend

BAGHDAD, 8 April— The powerful Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his militiamen on Sunday to redouble their battle to oust American forces and argued that Iraq's army and police should join him in defeating "your archenemy." The US military announced the weekend deaths of

10 American soldiers, including six killed on Sunday. Security remained so tenuous in the capital on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the US capture of Baghdad that Iraq's military declared a 24-hour ban on all vehicles in the capital from 5 am Monday.

The government quickly reinstated Monday as a holiday, just a day after it had decreed that 9 April no longer would be a day off. Among the 10 US deaths announced Sunday were three soldiers killed by a roadside bomb while patrolling south of Baghdad; one killed in an attack south of the capital; and two who died of combat wounds sustained north of the capital, in Diyala and Salahuddin provinces. On Saturday, the military said, four US soldiers were killed in an explosion near their vehicle in Diyala. At least 3,280 members of the US military

have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. The figure includes seven military civilians. *Internet*

*A local visitor looks at jet-skis at an international boat show on 6 April, 2007 in Shanghai, China. —INTERNET*



*Sitashma Chand greets the audience after winning the 'Miss Nepal Beauty Contest 2007' in Kathmandu on 7 April, 2007. INTERNET*



# China slams US human rights report as slanderous

BEIJING, 8 April — China on Saturday blasted the latest criticism from the United States about China's human rights situation as groundless and slanderous.

"We repudiate the human rights report of the US Department of State, which ignores basic facts, slanders and attacks China's human rights

situation," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang.

Qin's comments came after the US Department of State released on Thursday a report entitled "Supporting Human Rights and Democracy: The US Record 2006" which criticized China's human rights situation.

The report, the fifth

annual statement, complemented the longstanding Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2006, which was issued in early March.

Qin said China's progress in protecting human rights has attracted world attention and the Chinese people have enjoyed human rights and freedom in accordance

with the law.

The international community has spoken highly of China's human rights practice, the spokesman said.

"The United States is not in a position to depict itself as a human rights watchdog, a view generally shared by the international community and public opinion," Qin said.

"The United States should seriously reflect on its own human rights problems and put an end to its double or multiple standards on human rights," Qin said.

The spokesman urged the United States to stop interfering in the internal affairs of other countries under the pretext of human rights.

The United States should also remove the obstacles barring itself from holding dialogues with other countries on human rights, Qin said.

MNA/Xinhua

## ဝက်ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်များ အား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား



A man tolls bells during Orthodox Easter celebrations in the town of Borovsk, some 100 km (62.1 miles) southwest of Moscow, on 8 April, 2007. — INTERNET



A replica of the Fokker Dr 1 triplane aircraft (L) is seen in a mock dog fight with a replica of the Nieuport 24 biplane at the Classic Fighters Air Show in Marlborough, NZ on 8 April, 2007. — INTERNET

### US soldiers killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 April — A US soldier was killed and four others injured when a sophisticated armoured-piercing bomb detonated near their vehicle in eastern Baghdad, the US military said on Saturday.

The attack took place on Friday while the US patrol was conducting a combat security operation in the area, the statement said.

The explosively-formed projectile, or EFP, was allegedly from a neighbouring country, according to US officials, who previously accused Iran of providing Iraqi Shiite militants with

weapons and parts for such bombs.

According to the US military, the EFPs are responsible for the deaths of more than 170 US and coalition soldiers since mid-2004.

More than 3,265 soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

### Gunmen kill five in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 8 April — Gunmen murdered two men and three women in northern Mexico on Thursday night, prosecutors said on Friday.

The gunmen gunned down the victims with AK-47 and R-15 rifles in a home in Sabanillas, a neighborhood in northern Mexican state of Sinaloa, State Attorney official Carlos Parra said.

Investigators have begun work on the massacre, and identified the dead as Maria del Rosario, 42, Ramon Landeros Bastidas, 45, Dora Alicia Santos, 42, and Beatriz and Hector Batiz Landeros, 24 and 13.

Radio reports said the killers were dressed as Federal Investigation Agency (AFI) officials.

Including those killed in Thursday's incident, 13 women have been murdered this year in

Sinaloa, one of the eight states where a strong police and military operation is going against drug trafficking and organized crime.

A wave of violence has claimed 600 lives in Mexico this year, with Sinaloa, Michoacan, Guerrero, Nuevo Leon, Chihuahua and Sonora being the worst hit states.

MNA/Xinhua



Bollywood star Lara Dutta (C) performs during the Miss India Pageant 2007 in Mumbai on 8 April, 2007. — INTERNET

### Bomb kills six Canadian troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 April — Six Canadian troops serving with NATO were killed in southern Afghanistan on Sunday when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle, the Canadian Defence Ministry confirmed. At least one soldier was wounded.

The deaths bring the Canadian toll to 51 since Ottawa sent troops to Afghanistan in 2002.

Canada's main base is in the southern city of Kandahar.

Earlier in the day, one NATO soldier was killed and another wounded by a similar bomb in another part of the volatile south, a NATO spokeswoman said. About 5,000 NATO and Afghan troops are engaged in a major offensive, Operation Achilles, in Helmand province in the

south, the opium heartland of the world's biggest producer.

British and Canadian troops make up the bulk of coalition forces in the south of the country.

NATO does not disclose the province where its casualties take place since this could identify the nationality of the victims. Last year saw the bloodiest fighting since

Taliban insurgents were ousted in 2001, mainly in the rebels' southern heartland of Helmand and neighboring Kandahar province.

Almost all NATO'S combat activities in Afghanistan are being conducted by US, British, Canadian and Dutch soldiers in the south and east, bordering Pakistan.

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### Two Turkish engineers kidnapped in Nigeria

ANKARA, 8 April — Two Turkish engineers were kidnapped in south Nigeria, Turkey's Anadolu news agency reported on Saturday.

Turkish Foreign Ministry and Turkish Embassy in Nigerian capital Abuja stepped in after news reports regarding the kidnapping of two Turkish engineers in Nigeria, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**Switzerland wants free trade deal with China**

GENEVA, 9 April—Switzerland is aiming to start talks to clinch a free trade agreement with China, Swiss Economics Minister Doris Leuthard said on Sunday.

Leuthard told local media that she would lead a large business delegation to China in June, and try to give

support so that China opened negotiations with Switzerland, Swiss Radio International (SRI) reported.

China is already in free trade talks with Iceland and will start talks with Norway, Leuthard said. Both countries are members of the four-state European Free Trade

Association (EFTA), along with Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

“Such deals are important for Switzerland, given that we are not a member of the European Union, the North-American free trade zone or the Asian community of nations,” she said.

MNA/Xinhua



Huang Xinglong (front 2nd L), chairman of Shenzhen Jindun Investment Developing Co, Ltd and So Khun (front 2nd R), Cambodian Minister of Post and Telecommunications, sign an agreement in Phnom Penh of Cambodia on 6 April, 2007. Jindun is to invest in Cambodian Fibre Optic Communication Network Co, Ltd to construct the optical fibre cable backbone system and related infrastructure in the kingdom, according to the agreement. — XINHUA



Filipinos watch as a man somersaults over the murky Manila Bay on Sunday, 8 April, 2007. Many impoverished families swim and picnic by the bay's fetid waters to celebrate Easter Sunday and cool off amid the brutal summer heat. — INTERNET

**China's petrochemical industry sees profits rise 18.3% in 2006**

BEIJING, 8 April—China's petrochemical industry made 437.7 billion yuan of profits in 2006, an increase of 18.3

per cent over that in 2005, Li Yongwu, chairman of the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Association, said here

Saturday.

One of the features of the year was an increased emphasis on work safety and environmental protection, Li said.

“We will strive to maintain steady development of the petrochemical industry, while doing our utmost to realize the government's energy-saving goals,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

**Singapore, Malaysia to enhance broadcasting cooperation**

SINGAPORE, 9 April—Singapore and Malaysia

on Friday set out to promote more exchanges

in broadcasting including regular joint productions of entertainment content for television.

It was announced when Malaysian Minister of Information Datuk Seri Zainuddin Maidin, who is in Singapore for an official visit from 5 to 7 April, met Singapore's Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts Lee Boon Yang, according to a government statement.

The two countries would jointly produce music shows, television programmes and films regularly.—MNA/Xinhua

**Volkswagen China sells 202,600 vehicles in 1st quarter**

BEIJING, 9 April—Sales of Volkswagen vehicles rose 23 per cent to a record 202,600 units in China in the first quarter this year, said sources with Volkswagen China on Friday.

It was the first time that quarterly sales of Volkswagen vehicles exceeded 200,000 units in the country.

Vehicles with the Volkswagen brand grew 22.5 per cent to 178,000 units in the first three months, 1,483 of which were imported.

The Audi, Volkswagen's luxury brand, saw sales soar 27 per cent to 24,300 units, including 1,749 that were imported.

Winfried Vahland, chief executive officer of Volkswagen China, said Volkswagen would launch a number of new models on the Chinese market this year to ensure a stable growth in sales and profits.—MNA/Xinhua

**Asian eco integration to take 50 years to reach EU level**

BEIJING, 8 April — Long Yongtu, secretary-general of the Boao Forum for Asia, said Friday that Asia will take at least 50 years to reach the current economic integration level of the European Union (EU).

“Globalization is accelerating the pace of economic integration, but Asian countries still need

at least 50 years to reach the EU level due to huge differences in history, culture and values, and particularly in levels of economic development,” he told a Press conference in Beijing.

Long, China's former chief WTO negotiator, said economic integration is marked by unified tariff, financial and monetary policies, and a single currency.

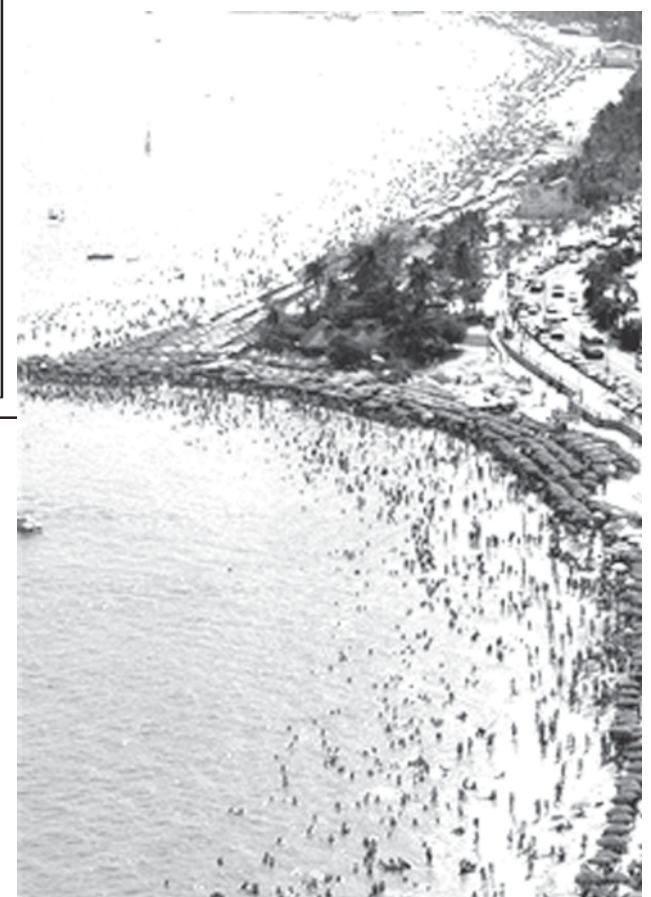
He said conditions are not mature for Asia to unify its currency and financial and monetary policies. “The continent should focus more on practical fields like the Pan-Asian railway and

Asian telecom cooperation.” Asia, like the EU, has taken its first steps on the road to economic integration, as it seeks to develop free trade zones, he said.

“All the Asian countries should carry out more wide-ranging cooperation on infrastructure, human resources, energy and environment.”

He said he hoped the Boao Forum for Asia will become the first co-operation mechanism to bring East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East and Central Asia closer together.

MNA/Xinhua



Crowds of people line the beaches of Acapulco, Mexico, on 7 April, 2007, during Holy Week. INTERNET

## US software mogul blasts into space

BAIKONUR (Kazakhstan), April 8 — US software mogul Charles Simonyi and two Russian cosmonauts blasted into orbit on Saturday aboard a Russian spaceship watched by Simonyi's friend, lifestyle guru Martha Stewart.



A Russian Soyuz TMA-10 spacecraft with space tourist Charles Simonyi of the US and cosmonauts Fyodor Yurchikhin and Oleg Kotov of Russia blasts off from a launch pad at the Baikonur cosmodrome on 7 April, 2007. — XINHUA

The Soyuz TMA-10 spacecraft, with a roar of its engines, lifted off from the Kazakh steppe into the night sky exactly on schedule at 11:31 pm (1731 GMT).

Nine minutes later, loudspeakers at the launch pad announced the rocket had safely delivered Simonyi — the world's

fifth space tourist who paid 25 million US dollars for the trip — into orbit.

"He had a big grin on his face," said Simonyi's family spokeswoman Susan Hutchison, who was able to see the crew via a live camera inside the cockpit as the spacecraft pulled away from the launch pad.

Simonyi, a 58-year-old billionaire who helped found Microsoft, is making a 12-day round trip to the International Space Station (ISS). He was joined on the outward flight by Russian cosmonauts Fyodor Yurchikhin and Oleg Kotov.

MNA/Reuters

## Flight cancelled after pilot's outburst

ROMULUS, 8 April — A Northwest Airlines flight was cancelled because the pilot was yelling obscenities during a cell phone conversation while people were boarding, and cursed one passenger, a federal official said Saturday.

The pilot of the Las Vegas-to-Detroit flight was apparently in a heated cell phone conversation in the cockpit, then went into a lavatory, locked the door and continued the conversation,

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said Saturday. "Passengers who were boarding the aircraft could hear his end of it," Gregor said. Las Vegas police were sent Friday to McCarran International Airport to investigate, Gregor said.

Authorities were told that the pilot cursed one passenger who confronted him, Gregor said. There were 180 passengers and five crew on the flight to Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus, Northwest Airlines Corp said in a statement.

The name of the captain, who Gregor described as a veteran

pilot, wasn't released.

Gregor said Northwest removed the pilot from the aircraft and returned him to his home base in Detroit for an investigation.

He said it was up to Northwest to determine what would happen to the pilot. Egan, Minn.-based Northwest issued an apology to passengers and

said the incident was under review. Passengers were accommodated on other flights to their destinations, the airline said.

They also were given meals and hotels during any additional time in Las Vegas. The FAA plans to follow up with Northwest about the outburst, Gregor said. — Internet



Demonstrators wave Iraqi flags from a truck in Baghdad on 8 April, 2007, as they head to Najaf in preparation for the fourth anniversary of the US-led invasion of Iraq. — INTERNET

## 95-year-old woman traps thief

BERLIN, 8 April — A 95-year-old German woman solved a series of mystery thefts in a retirement home when she set a trap, hid in a toilet, and caught the thief

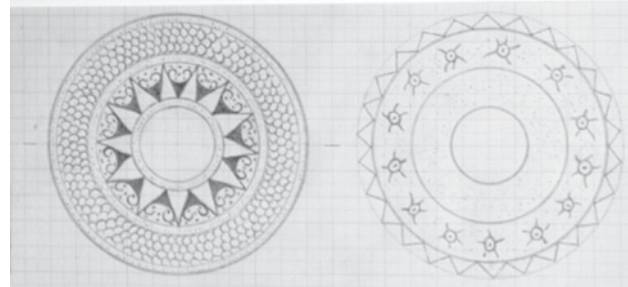
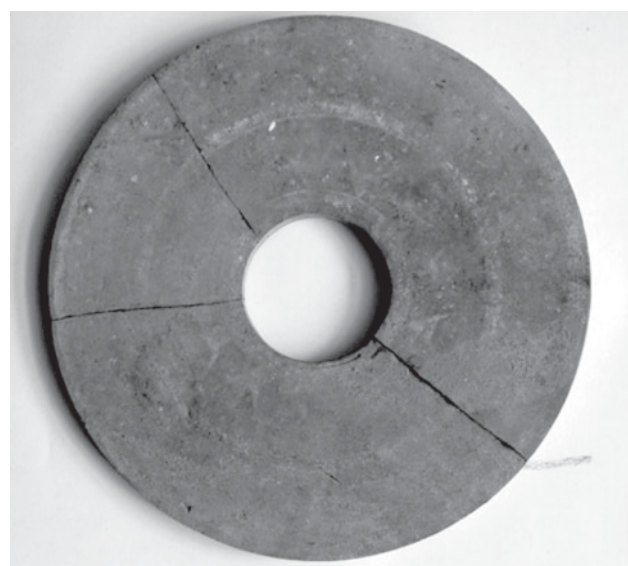
red-handed.

"It was a real case of Miss Marple," said a police spokesman in the eastern town of Saalfeld Thursday. "It's good to know there are still

courageous old ladies out there."

The elderly sleuth left cash out in her room as bait and then withdrew to the toilet to lie in wait. A cleaner then entered and pocketed the money, unaware she was being watched.

"Then the old lady hit the alarm button in the toilet and staff in the home nabbed the cleaner," the spokesman said. The cleaner, 36, later confessed to police she was responsible for other thefts from the home near the spa resort of Bad Lobenstein. — Internet



An ancient pottery piece unearthed from construction sites of the south-to-north water diversion project and archeologists' scripts of graphs on it, in Danjiangkou, central China's Hubei Province, on 7 April, 2007. — XINHUA

## Philippines alert against new volcano activities

MANILA, 8 April — Bulusan Volcano in the central Philippines exploded before dawn on Sunday, while Taal Volcano near the capital showing obvious signs of unrest, a local radio reported.

Residents of Casiguran town in Sorsogon Province, where Bulusan Volcano sits, were surprised after they got a glimpse of the explosion that sent ash up to five kilometers

high, radio dzRH reported.

"It's a cruel Easter greeting. It had kept quiet for three weeks, then exploded just like that," Casiguran town Mayor Edwin Hamor said in an interview on the radio.

Hamor said he has alerted at least five villages in the town south of the volcano to take precautions, including using towels and face masks to protect themselves from the ash fall.

Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said it observed the Bulusan explosion at 5:45 am on Sunday.

The volcano authority said that residents within the volcano's four-

kilometer permanent danger zone have to move out of the area.

Meanwhile, the Phivolcs also raised the alert against venturing near Taal Volcano in Batangas, some 80 kilometers to the south of Manila, the radio report added.

Phivolcs director Renato Solidum said Taal had been showing "much abnormality" in past days.

"The crater is hot and bubbling. People should not venture near the crater area," he said.

The Philippines sits on a seismically unrest stretch of the Pacific Ocean known as the "Ring of Fire", with a total of 22 active volcanoes in its territory.

Internet



Four-year-old Estrella, a young penitent, represents "La bajada del Angel" in the village of Aranda del Duero, near Burgos, northern Spain on 8 April, 2007. During the annual religious event, an "angel" will fly through the air and take the black veil off a statue of the Virgin "De las Candelas". — INTERNET

## Mozambique struggles to curb TB, seeks UN help

MAPUTO, 9 April — Mozambique will seek United Nations funding to fight a sharp rise in the lung disease tuberculosis, which has been overshadowed by HIV/AIDS, its health minister said on Saturday.

Health Minister Ivo Paulo Garrido told *Reuters* almost half of Mozambique's 18 million people were infected with tuberculosis (TB) -- compounding the health crisis posed by HIV/AIDS.

"It is extremely serious not only because of a very high prevalence of TB, but

also because of the growing interaction between TB and HIV/AIDS," he said.

"Despite commendable efforts by the government to control it (TB), impact on incidence has not been significant and the epidemic has now reached a serious stage and, for the first time, we will need 22 million US dollars from the (UN) Global Fund to spend in three years," he said. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Storehouse collapse in Kunming

KUNMING, 9 April — Four people have been killed and 17 others injured after a storehouse under construction collapsed on Saturday morning in Kunming, capital of southwestern Yunnan Province.

The accident happened at around 9:37 am on Saturday at the Guandu District. The victims are construction workers and local villagers, according to the city's work safety administration.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Thailand to take tough action against drunk drivers during New Year

BANGKOK, 9 April — Thai Police will take tough action against those drunk drivers as well as impose a ban on the use of high-pressure water guns to ensure safe celebrations during Songkran Festival or Thailand's traditional New Year, the Thai News Agency reported Friday.

Police Lieutenant-General Adul Saeng-singkaew, assistant national police chief, was quoted as saying that a police centre aimed at preventing road accidents during the water splashing Festival would be officially opened on 10 April.

During last year's

celebrations, almost 65 per cent of driving accidents were alcohol-related, General Adul said, adding that the police nationwide have been ordered to strictly enforce laws on drinking and driving.

This year's five-day public holiday for Songkran is from 13 to 17 April.

The government has set a mortality target that reveller dying in road accidents should not exceed the level of 354 deaths during the holiday period.

Convenience stores and petrol stations are advised not to sell alcoholic drinks during the celebrations, he said.

Cars carrying people with water throwing equipment are banned

from entering Bangkok's inner city or nearby areas between 11 and 15 April.

The Office of the Consumer Protection Board has issued a temporary ban on sales of high-pressure water guns. Violators will be subject to a maximum five-year jail sentence and or a fine of 500,000 bath (about 14,200 US dollars).

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Pakistani capital to have new international airport

ISLAMABAD, 9 April — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on Saturday performed the groundbreaking of a 400-million-US-dollar modern airport project, which he said would prove as a step forward to turn Pakistan into a major regional hub for trade, tourism and communication.

Musharraf unveiled the plaque for the new airport at the town of Fateh Jang, 30 kilometres southwest of the capital Islamabad.

The new airport would be the first green field, most modern and the biggest in the country, and likely to be built within four years, officials said.

Earlier, Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said on the occasion that a consortium of American, French and Singaporean renowned companies would oversee the construction of the new airport.

Aziz said two contracts, one for the runway construction and the other for terminal building, would be awarded in a most transparent manner.

Director-General of Civil Aviation Authority Farooq Rehmatullah said that the new airport will be able to handle an annual traffic of 6.5 million passengers and 100,000 metric tons of cargo.

Accordingly, the Civil Aviation Authority has acquired around 3,200 acres of land for the new airport.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Pakistani police seize 30 kilos of heroin

ISLAMABAD, 9 April — Pakistani police has seized 30 kilos of top quality heroin from a jeep travelling from northwest city Peshawar to south city Karachi at a highway toll point near Karachi, the state-run *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported Sunday.

The heroin is worth about 300 million rupees (about 5 million US dollars) in international market, said the report. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Eight killed by runaway truck in Brazil

BRASILIA, 9 April — A garbage truck ran into a procession of worshippers celebrating Easter in northern Brazil on Saturday, killing eight people, including an eight-month-old baby.

Ten people were also injured in the accident when the truck was out of control on a downward slope in Juareiro Do Norte, a city in the northern state of Ceara.

The truck then collided with a bus, whose passengers only suffered

minor injuries. The truck driver received severe head injuries. Brazilians began their Easter holidays this week, with many people heading for places like Juareiro Do Norte, a religious site in northern Brazil. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Woman shot dead in England in suspected parking row

LONDON, 9 April — Police hunted on Saturday the killer of a young woman shot dead in what detectives believe was a long-running dispute about parking spaces.

Krystal Hart, 22, was found with a gunshot wound by police in the hallway of her flat in Battersea, south London, on Friday shortly after 11 am.

Media reports said she was three months pregnant.

"We believe that this horrific murder could be the result of a disproportionate escalation of a

neighbour dispute, possibly over parking and we are actively considering this as a line of inquiry," said Detective Chief Inspector Colin Sutton.

Police said two shots had been fired, one of which had hit Hart. Detectives are retrieving CCTV footage from the building where the shooting took place.

*MNA/Reuters*



In this photo, released by the Florida Keys News Bureau, fish move away from Wayne Doneleson, garbed as the Easter bunny, on 5 April, 2007, while he dives in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Key Largo, Fla. — INTERNET

## A&I Minister to attend Mekong Sub-regional ministers' meeting



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo being seen off by Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — A & I

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — A delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo left here yesterday for the People's Republic of China to participate in Mekong Sub-regional agriculture ministers' meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to be held in Beijing from 10 to 11 April.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief

and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and departmental officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Deputy Director of Agriculture Planning Department under Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation U Than Htay, a delegation member, will also attend the meeting along with Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

The delegation members Director-General of Agriculture Planning Department U Tin Htut Oo, Director of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Dr Aung Gyi and Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung also left here for Beijing on 7 April to participate in official level meeting which is held today.

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## Minister inspects Refresher course for SAT

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by Director U Thu Kha of Education Planning and Training Department and officials concerned arrived at Toungoo University this morning.

Next, they discussed lectures, administration and research matters. Afterwards, the minister and party viewed experiments being done by the senior assistance

teachers in chemistry and biology in Bago (East).

The minister met with the rector, pro-rector, professors, heads of the departments at the meeting hall of Toungoo University. Rector U Kyaw Ye Tun briefed the minister on facts about the university. The professors and heads of departments briefed the minister on academic matters and research works. Next, the minister gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the

minister visited the trainees doing experiments at the refresher course for senior assistance teachers in chemistry and biology conducted at Toungoo University. A total of 82 trainees are attending the course.

Upon arrival at Toungoo Education College, assistant principal Daw Nu Nu Yi briefed the minister and party on conducting courses. Next, the minister made arrangements to fulfill the needs. — MNA

## Myanmar delegation leaves for Macao



The delegation led by Attorney-General U Aye Maung being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by officials. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — A delegation led by Attorney-General U Aye Maung left here by air yesterday to attend the 4th China-ASEAN Attorney-Generals' Meeting on 10-12 April to be held in Macao of

Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Attorney-General

U Tun Tun Oo and departmental officials.

The delegation comprises Director U Ti Khon Myat, Deputy Directors U Kyaw Hsan and U Zaw Lin Maung of Attorney-General's Office. — MNA

## Culture Ministry issues notice on Thingyan Festival

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Among Myanmar's seasonal festivals, the New Year Festival known as the Maha Thingyan Festival falls from 13 to 16 April this year (From the 12th Waning of Hnaung Tagu to the 1st Waxing of Kason 1368 ME).

During the Thingyan Festival, Myanmar people happily douse each other with water and perform meritorious deeds in accord with the Buddhist teachings such as releasing animals, making charitable donations, holding novitiation and ordination ceremonies and taking care of and paying homage to the elderly.

As Myanmar's fine traditions of the Thingyan are noble and glorious for its people, each and every citizen has valued and preserved the Maha Thingyan Festival.

Therefore, all are to continue to treasure and preserve the Thingyan Festival which reflects the cultural traditions and politeness of Myanmar people.

The Ministry of Culture today issued a notice urging participants in the festival to avoid the following acts in order for the Thingyan Festival to be perpetual and glorious.

- Wearing indecent and shameful clothes contrary to Myanmar traditions
- Harshly throwing water on each other to cause rows and fights
- Throwing water on each other with use of pipes and compressors and hitting each other with water balloons
- Taunting each other
- Shouting or chanting slogans at the expense of others
- Reckless driving
- Abusing alcohol and narcotics, being overjoyed to cause fights and breaking the prescribed laws.

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## Deputy Attorney-General arrives back from S Africa

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin arrived back here today from Johannesburg, South Africa, after attending the 5th Ministerial Global Forum on Fighting Corruption and Safeguarding Integrity.

The delegation was

welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Deputy Attorney-Generals U Myint Naing and U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General of the Attorney-General's Office U Tin Myint and officials.

Deputy Director-General of the Bureau of Special Investigation

U Ye Myint also arrived back on the same flight. U Ye Myint and the ambassador of Myanmar to South Africa also attended the forum along with Dr Tun Shin.

The four-day global forum kicked off in Johannesburg on 2 April.

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## F&R Ministry staff urged to provide amicable public service



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers address at work efficiency course No 2/2007. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue concluded its work efficiency course No 2/2007 here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun urged trainees to practically apply the knowledge they have gained at the course. As they have already studied the objectives, responsibilities and functions of the ministry and other knowledge, the trainees will have to work in accord with the procedures and directives, he stressed. They should work hard to realize the goal and objectives of the nation for they have already studied the objective

developments. The ministry staff will have to provide amicable public service, while striving to win public reliance and trust. They should stay away from seeking self-interest and should dutifully serve the national interest with efficiency and sincerity, he said.

Fifty-seven trainees completed the four-week course.

The ceremony held at the ministry was also attended by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.

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## Workshop on Air Quality Management held

YANGON, 9 April — The opening ceremony of Workshop on Air Quality Management, organized by the National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA), Ministry of Forestry in cooperation with the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/ROAP) was held at Traders Hotel, here, this morning.

Director-General U Than Swe of the Planning and Statistics Department of Ministry of Forestry and Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/ROAP) spoke on the occasion.

Present were officials of the NCEA of Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation, Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Industry-2, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Electric Power No-2, Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee, Yangon City Development Committee, Mandalay City Development Committee and representatives of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/ROAP).

After the opening ceremony, resource persons submitted the papers focusing on air quality management.

Training for handling Air Quality Management by UNEP will be conducted on 10 April and hands-on demonstration for measuring air quality will take at 4 selected sites in Yangon on the following day.

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## USDA CEC member inspects regional development works in Chin State (South)

YANGON, 8 April — Union Solidarity and Development Association CEC member Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko on 2 April attended a communal novitiation ceremony of U Aung Kyi and family in Shan Su Ward in Mogok at Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Kanpatlet. Next, the deputy minister and the donors offered alms to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. Wellwishers donated K 4.94 million for the funds of the monastery and the construction of a new monastery building.

Next, the CEC member attended the opening of a summer cultural course and basic spoken English course conducted by Township

USDA at Township PDC office. Then, he made an opening speech, donated clothes to the trainees and accepted USDA membership applications. On 3 April, the CEC member called on the churches in Kanpalet and inspected the tea plantations of the Kanpatlet Township USDA. In the evening, he attended the opening of district level basic physical training course conducted by Mindat District USDA and paid homage to the Sayadaw of Taungpulu Pariyatti Monastery.

On 4 April morning, the deputy minister attended a collective novitiation ceremony of U Tun Shein and family in Bahan Township at Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Mindat and offered alms

to monks. The deputy minister and officials donated K 5 million for the funds of the monastery and K 8 million for water supply tasks. He also visited the mythun farm of Matupi Township USDA. On 5 April, the CEC member and party visited Bontala waterfall, a tea plantation, attended the opening of summer training courses and accepted 573 membership applications.

On 6 April, the CEC member attended a ceremony to donate household utensils for rural development at Mindat BEHS No 1, donated K 1 million and accepted 495 membership applications. Later, he visited the churches in Mindat and met USDA members at Mindat District USDA office.

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## Phyo Cetena clinics opened in Thingangyun, Sangyoung

YANGON, 9 April — Under the arrangement of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association, Phyo Cetena clinics were opened in Thingangyun and Sangyoung townships today.

The two clinics were opened separately and wellwishers also contributed cash to the

funds of the clinics through officials concerned.

Each clinic is established at Yangon East USDA Office in Thingangyun Township and Yangon West District USDA Office in Sangyoung Township.

The opening ceremonies were held in the presence of CEC Members of USDA Mayor

Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa.

The clinic at Yangon East Vice-USDA Office will open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday while the clinic at Yangon West District USDA Office every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials formally open Phyo Cetena clinic. — MNA

## 12th Annual General Meeting of MWEA held

YANGON, 9 April— The 12th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association was held at Sedona Hotel here this

morning. President Daw Khin Myint Myint of MWEA extended greetings and Secretary Daw Hla Wady of MWEA read out the annual report.

Finance Adviser Daw Khin Htay Yu read out annual statement of 2006-2007 and Vice-President Daw Nu Nu Yi spoke words of thanks.—MNA



Chairperson of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Daw Khin Myint Myint extends greetings at 12th Annual General Meeting of MWEA. — MNA

## Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Patron attends opening of library in Pauktan Village

YANGON, 9 April — Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organi-

zation Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai and members visited the Lawka Mani Sula Pagoda in Pauktandeikgon Village in Htantabin Township this morning. They next paid homage and offered alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandiya at Deikgon Pariyatti Monastery and provided gifts to the elderly people.

The patron and members attended a ceremony to accept membership applications held at Pauktandeikgon Village Monastery and donated six sewing machines for the women. Afterwards, health in-

charge of YDWAO Dr Daw Lay Khine gave a talk on bird flu.

Daw Mar Mar Wai and party discussed with the young women of the village matters relating to health, economic and social development of the womenfolk.

Later, Daw Mar Mar Wai and party attended the opening of Mayarman Library Pauktan Village and donated periodicals and visited the village health care centre (Branch) where health care was being given to pregnant women.

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## Beijing to build network for infectious diseases before Olympics

BEIJING, 9 April — Beijing will step up efforts to build a prevention and treatment network for infectious diseases before the 2008 Olympics, the municipal health authorities pledged on Saturday to mark the World Health Day.

By the end of 2007, Beijing will have 1,350 hospital beds specially prepared for patients who contract infectious diseases. By the time the Olympics rolls around in August 2008, the city will have another 5,000 hospital beds

prepared for emergency use, according to the Beijing Disease Prevention and Control Centre.

In addition, Beijing is expanding the Ditan Hospital and You'an Hospital, two hospitals specially designated for the

treatment of infectious diseases. Another 142 hospitals have set up outpatient departments for diagnosing and treating infectious diseases.

According to the centre, in the past the outbreak of an infectious

disease might not be reported in Beijing for up to a week. Now, with health officials much more conscious of the need to release information promptly, the delay has been reduced to less than ten hours.

Nineteen medical teams are receiving training to deal with possible emergency public health problems.

The health network also includes 50 infectious disease research labs, including six working on SARS and 16 on bird flu, the health authorities said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indian Foreign Minister "out of danger" after crash

KOLKATA (India), 9 April — Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee, injured in a car crash, was flown back to the capital on Sunday for further medical treatment but doctors and officials said his injuries were not serious.

"He is out of danger and fine, but since he sustained a head injury requiring multiple stitches, doctors said it would take several days to heal," Mrityunjay Kumar Singh, a Ministry for External Affairs official, told Reuters in Kolkata.

Mukherjee, 71, the number two in Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Cabinet, was injured when his car crashed head-on with a truck in West Bengal State late on Saturday as he returned to its capital, Kolkata, from a neighbouring district.

With a bandage wrapped around his head,

Mukherjee raised an arm to wave at hundreds of people who had gathered in front of a Kolkata hospital and spoke to doctors before being taken by ambulance to a nearby military airfield, TV pictures showed.

He was expected to remain in hospital under observation after arriving in New Delhi aboard a special Indian Air Force plane.

"He is conscious and his blood pressure was normal when he left for New Delhi," Parimal Tripathi, a Kolkata neurosurgeon who treated Mukherjee, said.

The veteran politician, a senior member of

India's ruling Congress Party, was among four people injured in the crash.

MNA/Reuters

## Man held over pregnant woman's murder in Britain

LONDON, 9 April — Detectives arrested a man on Sunday over the murder of a pregnant woman found dead in her home in south London after being shot twice in the head.

Krystal Hart, 22, was found with gunshot wounds by police in the hallway of her flat in Battersea, south London, on Friday shortly after 11 am. Media reports said she was three months pregnant.

Detectives said a 40-year-old man had attended a police station in south London and had been

arrested in connection with the murder. He is being held in custody and no further details were available.

Originally officers thought it was possible the "horrific murder" had followed a long-running dispute about parking spaces that got out of hand.

MNA/Reuters

## Macedonian police seize over 10 kilos of heroin

TIRANA, 9 April — Macedonian police seized 10.12 kilos of heroin on Saturday night in the country's capital city, news reaching here from Skopje said on Sunday.

Interior Ministry spokesman Ivo Kotevski said police were on the alert when they noticed a red Ford with Skopje registration plates belonging to another vehicle around midnight Saturday.

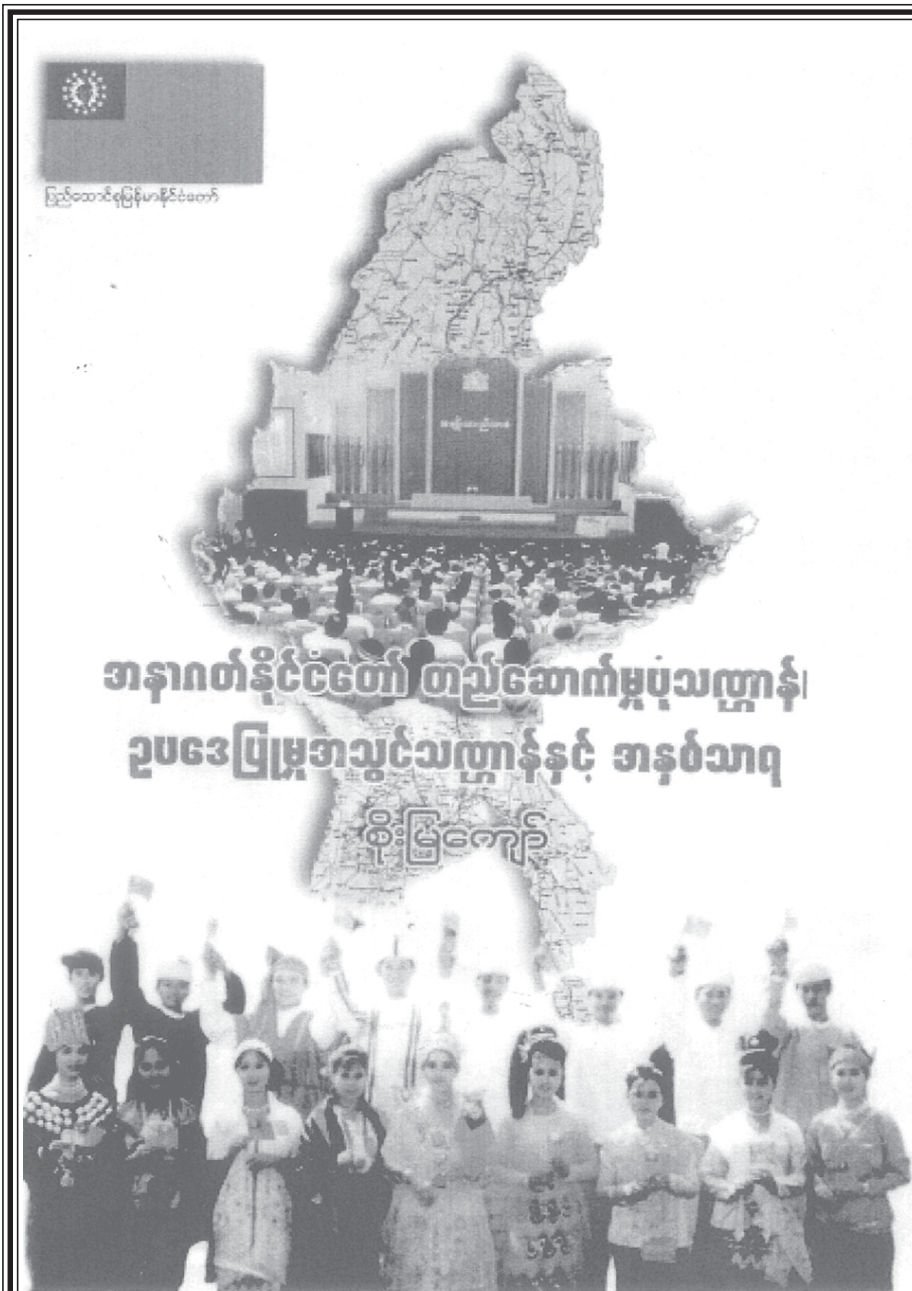
They then called in special police "Alfa" and followed the car into a dead end. The driver abandoned the car and managed to escape from the scene, he said.

Police found on the back seat of the car a large sack full of sweaters imported from Turkey. After further check, they found 20 packages wrapped in as many sweaters, each with 0.5 kilo of heroine in it.

MNA/Xinhua



Winners of ASEAN Radio Quiz pose for photos at prize presentation ceremony at Myanma Radio and Television on 6 April, 2007. MRTV has organized ASEAN Radio Quiz monthly. — MRTV



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**Profits rocket at China's CITIC Securities in first quarter**

BEIJING, 9 April — China's leading securities dealer, CITIC Securities, saw its net profits soar 12 times year on year to 1.2 billion yuan (154 million US dollars) in the first quarter this year.

Earnings per share are estimated at 0.41 yuan. The largest Chinese securities company in terms of assets has a total of nearly 3 billion shares. China's secondary securities market registered total turnover of 8.63 trillion yuan in the first quarter this year, compared with nine trillion yuan for the whole of last year, according to the *Shanghai Securities News*. It is estimated that the country's securities dealers racked up a total of 17.3 billion yuan in commission income in the first three months. CITIC Securities, founded in 1995, was the first securities dealer in China to launch an initial public offering in 2003 when it was listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. *MNA/Xinhua*

**London bombing suspects appear in court**

LONDON, 9 April — Three men appeared in court on Saturday charged with conspiring with the suicide bombers who killed 52 commuters in attacks on London's transport system on 7 July, 2005.

The men are the first to be charged over the bombings on three underground trains and a bus, the most deadly peacetime attacks by militants in the British capital. Mohammed Shakil, 30, Sadeer Saleem, 26, and Waheed Ali, 23, were accused of conspiring with the four British Islamists to cause explosions on the transport network or at tourist attractions in the capital. All three are from Beeston, Leeds, the northern city that was home to three of the four 7 July suicide bombers. They were arrested on 22 March. — *MNA/Reuters*

**One-third get poor ovarian cancer treatment in US**

WASHINGTON, 9 April — One in three US ovarian cancer patients does not get the recommended comprehensive surgery, researchers reported on Monday. Women over the age of 70, Blacks or Hispanics and Medicaid patients are especially likely to be undertreated for the cancer, which is highly deadly, Dr Barbara Goff of the University of Washington in Seattle and colleagues found. "All ovarian cancer patients, especially those who are vulnerable because of age, race, or socioeconomic status, (should be) referred to centres or surgeons from whom they are more likely to get optimal surgery," the researchers recommended. Research shows that aggressive surgery and chemotherapy can more effectively treat ovarian cancer. — *MNA/Reuters*

**British (R) and Iraqi soldiers stand at attention during a handover ceremony in Basra, 550 km south of Baghdad, on 8 April, 2007. British forces handed over a military camp to the Iraqi Army on Sunday. — XINHUA**



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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**US missile shield in Europe will provoke new arms race**

Moscow, 8 April—Russia's Lower House of Parliament Friday cautioned that the US plans to deploy missile defence shield in Europe will split the continent and provoke a new arms race.

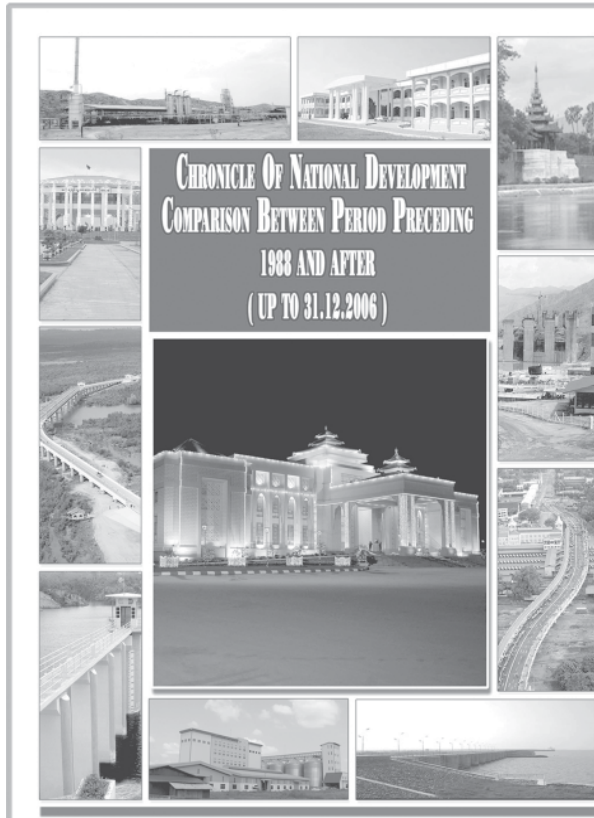
"Unilateral decisions related to the deployment of such elements in the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland are groundless from the point of view of countering potential or imaginary threats from a number of states in the Middle East and the Far East. They have already begun provoking a new split in Europe and prompting another round of arms race," a unanimously adopted statement by the Russian State Duma said.

Russia has raised its concerns at the deployment of elements of the US missile defence shield in the former Warsaw Pact countries and has rejected the American claims that it would be used to counter threats from "rouge" states such as Iran, North Korea and terrorist outfits in the region.

President George W Bush had reportedly assured his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin during his recent phone call to Kremlin that the US will jointly work with Russia on the issue.

According to earlier reports, the issue is to be taken up at the NATO-Russia Council meeting on 19 April.

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**School shows China's kids film to teach respect for motherhood**

BEIJING, 8 April—A primary school in central China's Henan Province recently broadcast a childbirth video in class, aiming to instill in students greater respect for their mothers, but parents and experts who saw the film were skeptical, saying it was "too bloody" for children.

During a "thanksgiving education" class, the grade-two students, aged seven to eight, of Qinlinglu Primary School in Zhengzhou, capital of Henan, watched a video of a Caesarean section operation with their parents, The *Beijing News* reported on Saturday.

"It's a Dracula movie. I was scared," said a boy after watching it. Some parents said the scenes were "too bloody" and improper for children to watch.

However, many students said they were moved by the mother love presented in the short film.

Cao Jianping, the school's headmaster, who watched the video beforehand, said the scenes in the video were instructive and could be a positive experience for the children if handled properly under teachers' guidance.

Why the school chose to present a video of a Caesarean section operation rather than a normal, natural childbirth remains a mystery. Some experts commented that there was a risk that children would think that birth was always a traumatic affair involving surgery. — MNA/Xinhua

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**Masterpiece of renowned Chinese artist sold at record price**

HONG KONG, 9 April—A masterpiece by prominent Chinese artist Xu Beihong was auctioned here Saturday at a record 72 million Hong Kong dollars (about 9.2 million US dollars) for a Chinese oil painting.

"This afternoon we set a new record for any Chinese painting at auction, trumping the previous record, also by the artist and by a huge amount," said Evelyn Lin, head of Contemporary Chinese Art Department of Sotheby's.

Sotheby's had said the 1939 painting of an anti-Japanese street play, "Put Down Your Whip", was expected to fetch at least 30 million Hong Kong dollars (3.8 million dollars). The painting was bought by an anonymous collector over the telephone after competition from at least four other bidders.

"This painting is of historic value because this is Xu's only painting with the theme of anti-Japanese aggression," said Lin. —MNA/Xinhua

**Two US soldiers killed, seven injured in Baghdad bomb attacks**

BAGHDAD, 8 April—Two US soldiers were killed and seven others wounded in two roadside bomb attacks in the Iraqi capital on Friday, the US military said on Saturday.

A soldier was killed and three others wounded by a roadside bomb explosion while conducting a security patrol in western Baghdad on Friday, the military said in a statement. —MNA/Xinhua

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## Health tip: dealing with depression

WASHINGTON, 8 April—Depression can make a person feel unusually sad, worthless, uninterested in activities that used to be fun, restless or even suicidal for several weeks or longer.

Depression is a serious illness that requires professional treatment, often with a combination of medication and psychological therapy.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these suggestions for dealing with depression:

\*Set a realistic schedule for yourself. While you're getting better, don't expect that you can maintain a full schedule at a regular pace.

\*Try not to believe the negative thoughts, like feelings of failure or blame, that depression causes — such thoughts should ease as depression subsides.

\*Participate in activities that make you feel good about yourself and that you enjoy.

\*While you're depressed, try to avoid making any major life decisions. If you have to, ask a trusted friend or family member for help.

\*Don't drink alcohol or take unprescribed drugs, as either can cause serious interactions with antidepressant medication, and can exacerbate depression.

\*Get as much exercise as possible — at least 30 minutes four to six times a week.—Internet

### Indian vehicle explosion kills 16

CHENNAI (India), 9 April —A jeep exploded in southern India on Saturday, killing 16 people and wounding 15, many of them curious villagers who had gathered around the vehicle after it caught fire, police said.

The jeep was carrying explosives from a factory when its engine caught fire on a highway near Tindivanam Town in Tamil Nadu State, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) south of the state capital of Chennai, police said.

The explosion triggered by the fire was so powerful that a car coming behind the jeep was also destroyed, a police spokesman said.—MNA/Reuters

### India plans rail link to five Nepal cities

KATHMANDU, 9 April—India plans to extend railway service to five southern Nepali cities bordering India, local media reported on Sunday.

According to *The Himalayan Times* daily report, the proposed lines will run from Nepalgunj road in Uttar Pradesh to Nepalgunj (12 kilometres), Nautuna to Bhairahawa (15 kilometres), Jayanagar to Bardibas (70 kilometres), Jogban to Biratnagar (17 kilometres) and New Jalpaigudi to Kakarvitta (46 kilometres).

Engineering and traffic report of Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) found the need to extend railway services to the Nepali cities, a high-level official of Indian Railway Ministry said.—MNA/Xinhua

### China enlarges processing trade ban, diesel oil, fuel on list

BEIJING, 9 April—China has banned processing trade companies to export and import heavy diesel oil and fuel for the first time amid rising concern from home and abroad on the country's hefty energy consumption, *Xinhua* learned Friday from the Ministry of Commerce.

Processing trade often involves import of raw materials and export of finished products. Heavy diesel oil can be used for basic raw material for petrochemical products and fuel are mostly used for generating power, transportation vehicles, metallurgy and chemical industry.

China has imported a large amount of energy resources, especially petroleum, causing some countries' complaint that China's soaring energy demand led to the energy price hike in the global market, said Niu Li, economist with the State Information Centre (SIC).

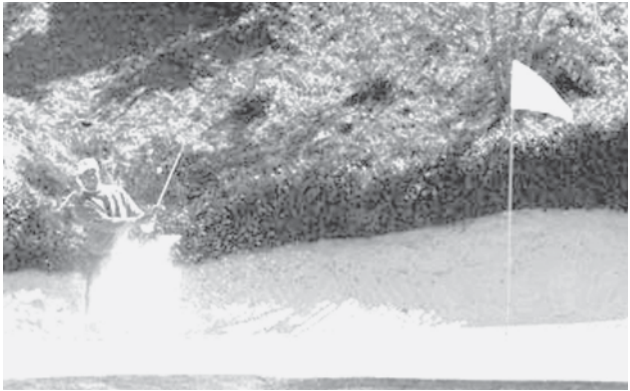
Chinese companies have been earning little profits from the processing trade and export from processing trade contributed to China's ever-increasing surplus, which causing trade disputes between China and some European and American countries, he said.

According to Customs data, the processing trade accounted for 80 per cent of China's trade surplus, of which foreign-funded enterprises made up an overwhelmingly large proportion. This prohibition list can help China reduce energy consumption, protect environment and trim trade surplus, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

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# SPORTS



**Tiger Woods of the US hits from a sand trap on the 12th green during the third round of the 2007 Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Georgia on 7 April, 2007. — XINHUA**

## Real beat Osasuna to close on Barca, Sevilla

MADRID, 9 April — Real Madrid closed to within two points of leaders Barcelona with a 2-0 home win over Osasuna in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Striker Raul scored after 24 minutes and late in the second half Robinho broke away to seal the side's third win in a row. The victory allowed them to make the most of slip ups from the leading two this weekend, moving on to 54 points.

Barcelona have 56 after falling 1-0 at Real Zaragoza on Saturday. Second-placed Sevilla could only draw 0-0 at home with Racing Santander, and moved on to 55. Sevilla, who rested key players ahead of their UEFA Cup quarterfinal return against Tottenham Hotspur, had the best of their game but missed the chance to go top.—MNA/Reuters

## Marseille revive European hopes with Lille win

PARIS, 9 April — Renato Civelli and Mamadou Niang each scored twice as Olympique Marseille revived their hopes of clinching a Champions League berth with a 4-1 whipping of 10-man Lille in Ligue 1 on Sunday.

The Provence side moved up to fifth on 45 points with seven matches left and trail second-placed RC Lens by four points.

Lille dropped to eighth on 43 points after having Brazilian midfielder Emerson harshly sent off in the eighth minute at the Stade Velodrome.

Referee Herve Piccirillo ruled that Emerson fouled Marseille striker Mickael Pagis in the box but TV footage clearly showed there was no contact between the two players.

Senegal striker Niang converted the resulting penalty, only for Lille defender Michel Bastos to cancel the advantage, also from the spot.

Marseille made it 2-1 eight minutes from the interval when centre back Civelli fired home from a Franck Ribery corner kick. The hosts put the result beyond doubt in the 63rd minute with Civelli again on the spot in a carbon copy of his first goal.

Niang rubbed salt on Lille's wounds in the dying minutes with a fine curling shot from just inside the box. Earlier on Sunday, Toulouse climbed to third place with a 2-0 win at relegation threatened Sedan.

Defenders Paulo Cesar and Albin Ebondo scored in the 78th and 86th minutes and Elie Baup's side now trail second-placed Racing Lens only on goal difference.—MNA/Reuters

## Werder stay on title trail with Rosenberg goal

BERLIN, 9 April — Markus Rosenberg scored with a backheel to give Werder Bremen a 1-0 win at home to Nuremberg on Sunday and take them back into second place in the Bundesliga, just two points behind leaders Schalke 04.

Werder, under pressure after Schalke, VfB Stuttgart and Bayern Munich all won on Saturday, were short of inspiration before Swedish striker Rosenberg managed to improvise a goal 15 minutes from time.

With six games to play, Schalke lead the standings on 56 points following their solid 2-0 win at home to bottom club Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Werder are second on 54, followed by Stuttgart on 52 after

their 4-2 win away to Hamburg SV. Bayern Munich are in fourth on 50 points, still with an outside chance of a third successive league title, after winning 2-1 at Hanover 96. Bayern Leverkusen hopes of a place in the UEFA Cup were hit when they were beaten 4-1 at home to VfL Bochum.

It was a second heavy defeat in four days for Leverkusen, who went down 3-0 at home to Osasuna in the first leg of their UEFA Cup quarterfinal on Thursday. They remain in fifth place on 42 points, one ahead of Nuremberg.

Werder created a few chances thanks to the work of Diego and Hugo Almeida but with Aaron Hunt also struggling for form there was no cutting edge.

MNA/Reuters



**Inline skaters race during the Seoul World Inline Cup 2007 in Seoul on 8 April, 2007. Some 6,000 inline skaters, including about 400 top-ranked inline skaters from 20 countries, took part in the event. — INTERNET**

## Finland defeats Cyprus 3-2 in Davis Cup

NICOSIA, 9 April — Cyprus lost to Finland 3-2 in the weekend's Davis Cup tennis series in Nicosia despite of two singles wins by its ace Marcos Baghdatis.

Baghdatis, ranked 18th in the world, beat Jarkko Nieminen from Finland 6-2, 6-4 and 6-3 on Sunday following an opening match win on Friday over Juho Pauku 6-3, 6-3 and 7-6 (3).

However, in the second game on Sunday, his teammate Photos Kallias lost to energetic Finnish Timo Pauku 6-2, 2-6, 0-6 and 1-6, dashing the host team's hope to win the decisive fifth game in the first round Europe/Africa Zone Group II 2007.

Kallias, teamed with Baghdatis, also lost to their Finnish rivals in the doubles on Saturday after being defeated by Nieminen in the singles on Friday.

Cyprus and Finland had met only once before in the Davis Cup and that was 20 years ago in Helsinki when the hosts had no trouble sweeping to a 5-0 victory.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fluminense suffer early exit in Carioca Championship

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 April — Big-spending Fluminense suffered an early exit from the Carioca championship despite beating Boavista 4-3 on Sunday.

Fluminense, who signed 17 players at the start of the year and replaced coach Paulo Cesar Gusmao with Joel Santana in February, missed out on the semifinals of the tournament's second stage after finishing third in Group B.

Midfielder Cicero opened the scoring for Fluminense in the 8th minute but finished the game in goal after goalkeeper Fernano Henrique was sent off with three substitutions already made.

Luiz Alberto, Rafael Moura and Carlos Alberto

scored Fluminense's other goals. Anselmo, twice, and Paulo Rodrigues replied. The eventual second stage winners will face first stage winners Flamengo in the final.

Flamengo, Fluminense, Vasco da Gama and Botafogo usually dominate the competition, one of the

many regional tournaments which kick off the marathon Brazilian season.

Botafogo beat Nova Iguacu 6-2 to finish top of Group A followed by Cabofriense, who pulled off a shock 2-1 win over Vasco da Gama.

Vasco's 41-year-old striker Romario, who has

reached a self-declared tally of 999 goals in his career, did not play because the game was not at the Maracana, where he wants to score his 1,000th.

Vasco still finished second in Group B to qualify behind Volta Redonda who beat Americano 2-1.

MNA/Reuters

## Uruguay crushes Ecuador 5-0 in Davis Cup

MONTEVIDEO, 9 April — Uruguay's Davis Cup tennis team won the two remaining singles matches against Ecuador on Sunday, bringing their total score for the Americas Cup Zone Two series to 5-0.

Paraguay's top racket, Pablo Cuevas, who is rated 209th in the world the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), scored an easy 6-1, 6-2 win over Carlos Avellan, on the 2,000-seat clay courts of Punta del Este's Cantegril Club, 140 kilometres east of Montevideo.

Federico Sansonetti, Uruguay number

4 and ATP 1,037th, beat Ecuador's number 2 racket, the unrated Julio Campoano, with a more balanced 6-3 and 6-4.

Uruguay had already won the series on Saturday when a doubles win took it 3-0 up against Ecuador. It will now play the winner of the Paraguay-Dominican Republic series in the final, which takes the winner into Americas Zone One.

On Saturday Marcel Felder and Martin Vilarrubi beat Avellan and Jean Durango 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (2) and 6-0. On Friday Felder beat Avellan and Cuevas beat Campoano. — MNA/Xinhua



**Belgium's Dick Norman celebrates after defeating Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber during their Davis Cup quarter-final tennis match in Ostend on 8 April, 2007. — INTERNET**

# Poll shows Blair fails to improve Britain in 10 years of office

LONDON, 9 April — A poll conducted by the *Observer* newspaper showed on Sunday that people believe British Prime Minister Tony Blair has failed to improve the country and lost the faith of British voters over his 10 years in power.

Blair is widely expected to quit in June or July after a decade in office. However there is not much cheer for him.

The poll of 2,034 adults showed that many people find the country is a more

dangerous, less happy and less pleasant place to live.

The poll invited people's opinions ranging from their trust in politics, how they feel about their own lives to whether public services have been

improved. However, people gave negative responses to almost all of its 40 questions.

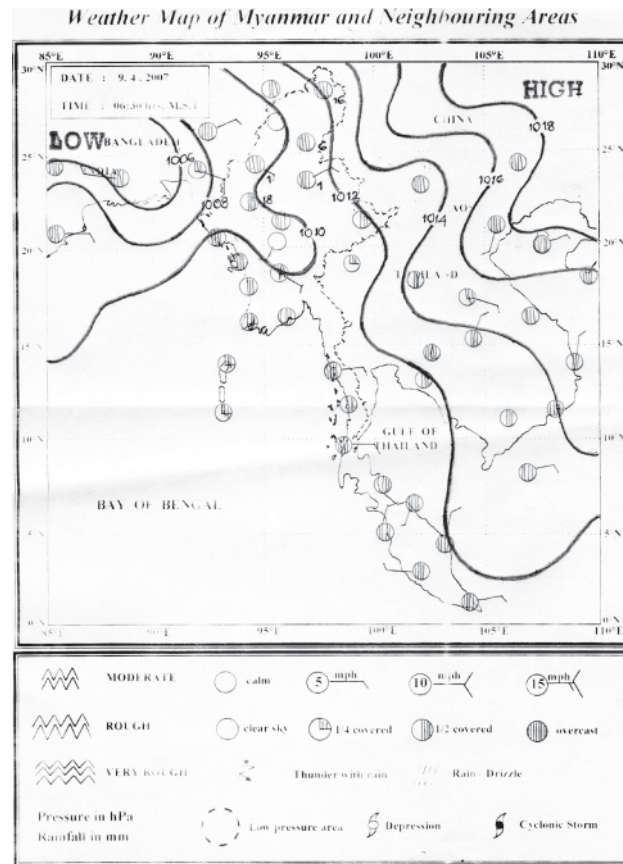
Only over a quarter rated the government's general performance under Blair as good or very good.

Sixty-one per cent disagreed that Britain was "a more pleasant place to live" now than in 1997, and 58 per cent disagreed that it was happier, while 69 per cent said it was more dangerous, the poll showed.

The poll also showed that 57 per cent think Blair has stayed in office too long.

With regard to education, 45 per cent rated the government's performance as poor or very poor, while 60 per cent said the same about transport.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss India-Earth Pooja Chitgopekar, left, Miss India- World Sarah Jane Dias, centre, and Miss India- Universe Pooja Gupta, right, pose after they were crowned at the finals of the Femina Miss India beauty contest in Mumbai, India, on 8 April, 2007. Twenty five contestants competed to represent India at the Miss Universe, Miss World and Miss Earth beauty contests. — INTERNET

## WEATHER

Monday, 9 April, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, scattered in upper Sagaing, isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State and Magway Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) below normal in Kayin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, (44°C), Magway and Thayawady (43°C) each and Aungmye (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.79) inch, Putao and Kalewa (0.71) inch each, Myitkyina and Kalay (0.24) inch each, Homalin and Mawlaik (0.08) inch each and Bhamo (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-4-2007 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 9-4-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 9-4-2007 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 8-4-2007 was (9.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-4-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (20:15) hours MST on 8-4-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Southwest Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 10-4-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 10-4-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 10-4-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 10-4-2007:** Partly cloudy.



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| <p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟောဋ္ဌာန ဝုရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဗျူဟာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> | <p>8:05 am</p> <p>7. Song of yerteryears</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>8. ဝမ်ပုံရေလှောင်တံခံ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>9. ဓါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>11. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Dance of national races</p> <p>4:55 pm</p> <p>5. ဓါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ</p> <p>5:05 pm</p> <p>6. "ဆွေမျိုးတော်ပေမယ့်" (ဒု-ရဲမျိုးတင်လင်း၊ ဆောင်းအိန္ဒြေထွန်း၊ ဗေဒါ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)</p> | <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>7. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>8. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>9. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p>6:50 pm</p> <p>11. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာနှစ်သစ်ကူး မဟာသကြိန် (၁၃၆၇ခုနှစ်၊ နှောင်းတန်ဆူးလပြည့်ကျော်(၃)ရက် မဟာသကြိန်အကြတ်နေ့)</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>12. မြတ်နိုးတန်ဖိုးထားအာဆီယံ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်များ</p> <p>7:15 pm</p> <p>13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သစ္စာတပင် ခြားသော်လည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>14. News</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p> |
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## Minister addresses opening ceremony of 6th JCCCN Meeting Protection of environment, preservation of natural resources stressed

YANGON, 9 April — The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems organized a ceremony to open the 6th Meeting on Joint Committee on Coordination of Commercial Navigation on the Lancang-Mekong River Among China, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand hosted by Myanmar at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning, with an address by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, directors-general of departments and managing directors of enterprises under the ministry, delegates from the People's Republic of China, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand and members and guests.

First, the minister made a speech on the occasion, saying that the meeting was the first



Transport Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers an address at opening of 6th meeting on Joint Committee on Coordination of Commercial Navigation on Lancang-Mekong River. — MNA

JCCCN hosted by Myanmar Government and it was to be held on 9 and 10 April. China, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand four riparian states of Upper Mekong River met at Vientiane, Lao PDR for the first negotiation of Commercial Navigation on the Lancang-Mekong River and then the delegates met in Yangon and discussed the Draft Agreement on Commercial Navigation

on the Lancang-Mekong River on 27 and 28 November 1997. Besides, the delegates met again in Yangon for the final discussion on the Draft Agreement on 6 and 7 March 2000. Finally, the Quadripartite Agreement of the Commercial Navigation on the Lancang-Mekong River was signed in Tachilek, Myanmar on 20 April 2000. Smooth and safe commercial navigation on

the river will help bring prosperity, solidarity, sovereignty and mutual benefits among the six riparian states. We must also see to the protection of environment as well as to the preservation of all natural resources and biodiversities and not to out balancing the ecosystem of the region including Cambodia and Vietnam.

Next, leader of Myanmar delegates,

Director General U Soe Myint of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, who was also a

meeting chairman, extended greetings while those of China, Laos and Thailand made speeches on the occasion. — MNA

## Minister looks into power stations in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Meiktila Township 33/11 KV Sub-power station in Mandalay Division on 6 April.

The minister inspected automobile and spare parts and maintenance of power lines. Next, district engineer U Than Tun briefed the minister on power supply of Thazi sub-power station.

After inspecting progress in building of sub-power station, the minister made arrangements to fulfil the needs.

At Meiktila District Engineer's Office, the minister made a speech, saying that all service personnel are responsible for full supply of power to the public; that

officials at different levels are to supervise the tasks of minimizing wastage and loss; and that all service personnel are to try their best in the interest of the State.

Next, District Engineer U Than Tun and Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electric Power Distribution Enterprise gave supplementary reports.

Afterwards, the minister and party looked into the project site of 500 KV main power station (Thabyay) at mile post No 349/2 of Yangon-Mandalay road. Manager-2 U San Tint of Power Supply Project (North) briefed the minister on work being carried out and future tasks.

Next, he gave instructions on timely completion of the project and worksite safety and looked into the site chosen for construction of the main power station.

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## Dailies to appear in turn during New Year holidays

YANGON, 9 April — Dailies of News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be published in turn during the New Year holidays.

Myanma Alin Daily and The New Light of Myanmar Daily will not appear on 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 April. During these days, Kyemon Daily will be in circulation and it will take holidays on 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 April. On these days, Myanma Alin Daily and The New Light of Myanmar will resume circulation.

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